

**SACRAMENTO RIVER CONSERVATION AREA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES**

July 11, 2000  
6:30 P.M.

Red Bluff Community Center  
Red Bluff, CA

Chair Denny Bungarz called the meeting of the Sacramento River Conservation Area to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Red Bluff Community Center, Red Bluff, CA.

It was determined that there was a quorum of twelve (12) voting members present.

Introductions of Board as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	Bill Waite, Alt.-(David Womble)	Ben Carter	
Glenn	Denny Bungarz	Jason Larrabee	
Shasta	(Glenn Hawes)	Dan Gover	
Sutter	Dick Akin	Russell Young	
Tehama	Bill Borrer	Brendon Flynn	
Yolo	Lynnel Pollock	Marc Faye	
Cal DWR			Bill Bennett
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			(Pete Rabbon)
US COE			(Mark Charlton)
US Bureau of Reclamation			Basia Trout
USF&WS			Jim McKevitt

*Names listed in italics represent absence*

Also present-Coordinator Burt Bundy plus an estimated audience of 50 interested persons.

Resources Agency

Tim Ramirez

Cal DWR

Stacy Cepello

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None to report

2. MINUTES: Correction noted that Marc Faye was appointed to represent landowner of Yolo County. Bill Waite moved, seconded by Lynnel Pollock to approve the minutes of June 22, 2000 as corrected. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the board. Marc Faye abstained.

3. COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Noted that there were a number of items available for review to the Board in their correspondence packet. Report from the Wildlife Conservation Area monthly meeting, Conservation Area newsletter.

Update on tax-exempt status: the corporation is now official, filing has been completed with the State and the Tax-exempt status with the IRS is progressing.

Staff position update: Distributed a draft of the job description for the Assistant Manager position. Waiting for the final contract to be signed. CSUC will do the job search for the position. Estimate 45 days to get the position on board. Coordinator requested a committee be established to outline the procedure of hiring of the General manager as soon as contract is signed. The Chairman asked for volunteers and appointed committee as follows:

Jason Larrabee, Brendon Flynn, Bill Borrer and Chair Denny Bungarz.

Keith Hansen asked if there had been a procedure established to date regarding hiring of the general manager. Noted waiting until contract finalized by CSUC. Committee would establish process, determine job description and CSU advertise. Goal is to have item agendized for August meeting.

Planning efforts: "Potential Ord Bend Acquisition". Chair asked to postpone presentation until later date. 1) Hamilton City area: discussions continue with landowners and others. COE Section 205 agreement for "J" levee study seems to be forthcoming. 2) Bloody Island: discussions continue. 3) Woodson Bridge: meeting with Comp Study members and Tehama County coming up on August. 4) Future Board meetings: Suggested to Board members that, prior to the SRCA Board meeting, a "host" county offer a tour of river activities in their county to give the Board first hand knowledge of the area of concern. Next meeting in Butte County.

Chair Bungarz expanded on the Hamilton City issue. Steve Fitch, Rep of Assemblyman Dickerson, stated their office is working on the issue to secure the funding. They are working with Congressman Ose's office in the study. It was reported that DWR has completed 4 drillings on the "J" levee to locate the hard points.

#### 4. Ad Hoc Committee report on Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Jane Dolan reviewed the Ad Hoc committee establishment of TAC (copies distributed to audience) and welcomed input from audience. It would be a large committee because of the large interest. Reviewed the organizations, private and public that will be included in the TAC. Comments followed:

Diana Jacobs: Stated the TAC membership would be wide and variable, that the decisions will hopefully be done by consensus.

Dick Akin: Stated issued should be weighted on an "area of concern" basis.

Jim McKevitt: No decision to be made by the committee, only recommendations.

Dan Gover: Important for the committee to get moving.

Wally Roney: Wanted to see Co-Op Extension individuals involved for scientific source.

Chair asked Board their pleasure on accepting Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations of TAC.

Dan Gover moved, to proceed with the development of the committee from the recommendation.

Brendon Flynn seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bill Borror moved to appoint an interim TAC chair for the first TAC meeting. Dick Akin seconded the motion recommending Dan Keppen. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Dan tentatively accepted the position.

5. Colusa County FWA/NCWA issue: A resolution was read from the Colusa Co. Board of Supervisors to amend the by-laws. Their legal counsel recommended that ex-officio members of the Board (state and federal reps) serve as technical advisors only. He indicated these representatives should not participate with voting power, act in an advisory capacity only. He also stated that the handbook specified that the organization would receive support from the technical advisory team, with no inclusion of ex officio members as voting. Colusa County Board of Supervisors wants the by-laws to read that the ex officio members are advisory only with no voting or decision making power.

Chair Bungarz stated the reason for ex officio members are and have been an active and important to the development of the program. He noted that the MOU specifically establishes the Board make-up and would have to be re-written for this condition.

Jane Dolan noted that 14 of the 15 members have been appointed by the County Boards of Supervisors. These members have clear responsibility for river issues. She accepted that the ex officio members are not allowed to vote, however, they bring talent and a wealth of information to the table.

Bill Borrer: The inclusion of state and federal members to the table creates talk and communication. Tehama County Counsel stated only problem may be to include them in closed personnel decision-making sessions.

Dick Akin: We need all the input available. Would rather have them at the table helping make decisions than working on the outside to degrade the program. Ex officio members only gain input.

Dan Keppan: These ex officio members give us much insight and information to make the program/process work.

Tim Ramirez: The Resources Agency is very conscious of the appointed member to the Board. They wanted someone with experience with the program.

Chair Denny Bungarz requested consensus of the Board: No action was taken to change the status of the ex officio members. The Chairman will bring forth a draft policy to establish closed session rules.

#### FWA/NCWA issues

1. Payment in lieu of taxes.
2. Define Inner River Zone in Reaches two and three.
3. Hard points definition
4. Adjacent landowner impacts
5. Good neighbor policy(mitigation structure, contingency fund)
6. Private flood control faculties
7. Public access issues
8. Funding 1989 Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Plan (estimate cost pages 33 & 34)
9. Veto power

Jane Dolan moved that the Chair work with the Coordinator on policy decision on PILT program.

Jason Larrabee seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jane Dolan moved, seconded by Jason Larrabee to give #2 & #3 to the TAC and ask for a report at September meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Russell Young moved, seconded by Dan Gover to work on the top three (3) items at this time. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bill Borrer recommended prioritizing the remaining issues. He moved that a sub-committee be appointed to prioritize all issues and a methodology of addressing them be developed. Jane Dolan seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Sub committee appointed: Bill Borrer, Ben Carter, Jason Larrabee, Marc Faye, Jane Dolan.

#6 Presentation by Howard Hutchison from AZ/NM: Mr. Hutchison, a national and international expert on environmental issues addressed the group explaining the process by which his neighbors and local landowners worked together like the SRCA 1086 program is addressing. He explained the restoration efforts their group accomplished and projects yet to be done. Explained the involvement of local, state and federal agencies and the line of communication established.

Diana Jacobs stated that we need to have Jim Nielsen address the organization since he is one of the originators of the 1086 program.

#7 Presentation by Tim Ramirez and Jim McKeivitt postponed until future date considering the length of the agenda and discussions.

#8. Other issues:

Board members: Ben Carter asked if there was a current list of all county and state agencies for a list of all existing acquisitions. Steve Fitch stated that a list is being compiled and will be forwarded to each board member.

Next meeting: Butte County, August 24, 2000. Jane Dolan would be in charge of arrangements. Location would probably be at the Enloe Conference Center.

September 28, 2000 meeting: Colusa or Glenn County. Lynnel Pollock stated to try and meet mid point to eliminate excessive travel.

Requested meeting place and address be listed in SCRA NOTES in future.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bundy  
Recording Secretary